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SUMMARY: AT MARCH 30 MEETING, NPG STAFF GROUP DISCUSSED
DRAFT PERMREPS REPORT ON WINTEX 77, AND REVIEWED PLANNING
FOR NPG PERMREPS MEETINGS LEADING UP TO OTTAWA MINISTERIAL.
END SUMMARY.

1. AT MARCH 30 MEETING, NPG STAFF GROUP (SG) DISCUSSED IS
DRAFT PERMREPS REPORT ON WINTEX 77 (NPG(STAFF GROUP)WP(77)3 -
POUCHED TO STATE AND DEFENSE). SG AGREED THAT THE IS DRAFT
SHOULD BE SHORTENED AND REORGANIZED TO COVER THE FOLLOWING
MAIN AREAS: ROLE OF THE DPC; PROCEDURAL LESSONS; AND
POLICY ISSUES. SG REPS RESERVED THEIR SPECIFIC COMMENTS,
AND AGREED TO MEET ON APRIL 6 TO DEVELOP A REVISED DRAFT
WINTEX REPORT FOR SUBSEQUENT REVIEW IN CAPITALS. COMMENT:
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ON THE NUCLEAR PLAY IN WINTEX 77. IT CONTAINS SOME
EXTRANEIOUS MATERIAL ON EXERCISE ORGANIZATION WHICH
FALLS MORE APPROPRIATELY UNDER THE PURVIEW OF COEC,
AND TOUCHES ON SOME TOPICS (E.G., ADMS, AIR DEFENSE)
THAT ARE QUESTIONABLE ISSUES TO RAISE FROM THE
WINTEX EXERCISE. WE WILL WORK WITH THE IS, AND AT
THE APRIL 6 SG MEETING, TO DEVELOP A TIGHTER DRAFT
WHICH WE WILL TRANSMIT TO WASHINGTON FOR COMMENT.
END COMMENT.

2. CHAIRMAN (MENTZEL) REVIEWED PLANNING FOR NPG PERMREP MEETINGS LEADING TO THE OTTAWA MINISTERIAL, NOTING THE APRIL 21 MEETING PROPOSED BY SYG LUNS ON THE NUCLEAR BALANCE AND CRUISE MISSILES (REFTEL), AND STATING THAT IS HAD BLOCKED ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ON MAY 5 AND MAY 23 TO COVER THE NIKE HERCULES STUDY, THE DUAL-CAPABLE AIRCRAFT STUDY, THE TECHNOLOGY STUDY, TIES AND WINTEX REPORTS, AND FUTURE WORK ACTIVITIES. CHAIRMAN ASKED WHETHER ANY ALLIES PLANNED TO CIRCULATE WRITTEN VIEWS PRIOR TO THE APRIL 21 MEETING. UK REP (LEGGE) SAID LONDON DID NOT PLAN TO CIRCULATE WRITTEN VIEWS, BUT UNDERSTOOD HIS AUTHORITIES WERE DEVELOPING APPROPRIATE TALKING POINTS FOR SUCH A MEETING. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN, ON A PERSONAL BASIS, ABOUT ACHIEVING A PRODUCTIVE EXCHANGE AT AN APRIL 21 MEETING. FRG REP (ANDING) SAID BONN WOULD NOT CIRCULATE WRITTEN VIEWS, BUT WAS PREPARING A "SUBSTANTIVE" STATEMENT FOR DELIVERY AT THE PERMREPS MEETING. NO OTHER REPS INDICATED AN INTENTION TO CIRCULATE WRITTEN VIEWS.

3. CHAIRMAN REVIEWED STATUS OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION TO THE OTTAWA NPG, WHICH ARE THAT (1) CANADA WILL NOT PROVIDE TRANS-ATLANTIC TRANSPORTATION. (2) FRG EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO MEET REQUESTS TO TRANSPORT SOME MEMBERS OF IS AND ITALIAN DELEGATIONS, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND (3) UK MIGHT HAVE VERY LIMITED NUMBER OF SEATS TO OFFER BETWEEN LONDON AND OTTAWA. STRAUZ-HUPE

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